

City Works



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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

Animal Adoption Center Opening Soon

Since 1995, the Burlington Animal Shelter, a shared facility of both city and county governments, has taken in an average of 5,300 dogs and cats annually. In 2000, 87 percent of these animals were euthanized, while only 4 percent were adopted. The remaining animals were returned to their owners. Local requirements provided for a 21-day quarantine period before any companion pet was eligible for adoption. Due to the length of this quarantine period and resulting space constraints, the average life expectancy for any pet entering the shelter was only nine days. This situation gave Burlington one of the highest pet euthanasia rates in the state. Furthermore, dogs and cats under four months of age could not be placed for adoption. Reducing the euthanasia rate and increasing the adoption rate became recognized needs among animal advocates for saving potential companion pets.

Owning an animal is a huge responsibility. In addition to encouraging the adoption of animals as companions, education and public awareness on how to properly care for pets are necessary. With these facts, citizens of Burlington came together with local leaders to form a pet adoption and shelter improvement committee.

Achieving the goals and objectives outlined by the Alamance Pet Adoption and Shelter Improvement Committee would not be successful without the support of many groups, including buy-in from local elected officials and the community at large. In fact, PAWS (Pet Adoption Welfare Society) launched a fund-raising and awareness campaign to provide the challenge gift needed to construct the new Pet Adoption Center.

The City of Burlington and Alamance County currently share the cost of operating the community animal shelter. While the city provides the facility, the county provides financial support for staff. On-going success of the new Pet Adoption Center depends on financial support from participating communities in Alamance County. To this end, an equitable formula was created so that each community would have a designated budget for operating the center.

Other partners contributing to this initiative include:

- The Humane Society of Alamance County provides support by publishing a newsletter, placing ads for adoptive services, promoting community awareness by hosting a variety of community events and adoption fairs and providing an Alamance County focus for a variety of rescue efforts including the Greyhound Friends of North Carolina;
- Volunteers have committed time to show, groom and clean the animals, exercise the dogs and assist in operating the Pet Adoption Center;
- The Alamance County Health Department ensures the threat of rabies is handled properly; and
- Local veterinarians work with the shelter to ensure that all adopted animals have a proper vaccination schedule and are in good health—in part by offering required spay and neuter programs at a greatly reduced price.

The Pet Euthanasia Initiative is truly a joint effort by local governments and private citizens. It is a great example of how our community can rally together to address a local challenge and impact change.

The pet adoption center is slated to open early 2004.



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Recycling Matters

In 1992, in an effort to save landfill space, and meet established local waste reduction goals, Alamance County targeted certain recyclable items to be banned from their landfill. Today Alamance County's recycling program, with the City of Burlington being a major component, is recognized as one of the most successful programs in the southeast.

On May 1, 1998, the City of Burlington contracted Waste Management of the Carolinas to serve as the City's recycling contractor. Waste Management's customer service telephone number is (336) 226-1900.

Recycling items should be placed in your Waste Management bin (not in your black automated garbage container). All the items listed below may be co-mingled (mixed together). Only the items listed are acceptable for residential recycling at this time. ***Placing recyclables in your black garbage containers results in increased tipping fees and disposal costs to the City of Burlington.***




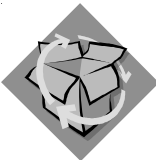



Helpful Recycling Tips:

Set out recyclables by 7:00 a.m. on collection day.

Put recyclables in bins or clear bags ONLY. Recyclables cannot be collected from trashcans.

All cardboard must be completely flattened.

If you have any questions, call Waste Management at 226-1900.

| MATERIAL | WHAT TO RECYCLE | HOW TO RECYCLE | WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE |
|---|--|---|--|
|  | Only plastic soft drink bottles, milk and water jugs. Plastic jugs labeled PET #1 and HPDE #2. | Remove cap, rinse bottle, flatten it, and place it in the recycling bin. | No motor oil, shampoo, soap, detergent containers, or any type of plastic container other than soft drink bottles and milk and water jugs. |
|  | Steel (tin) cans used for fruits, vegetables, soups, juices, pet food, and other items. | Rinse out cans and put lids inside cans. Place cans in bottom of recycling container. | No aerosol cans, such as hair spray, shaving cream, spray paint, and cleanser cans. No cans other than those cans used for food items. |
|  | Wire Coat Hangers | Return to your laundry or dry cleaners for immediate and best recycling. | Wooden, paper, or cardboard type coat hangers will not be collected. |
|  | Old corrugated cardboard boxes for moving and shipping. | Boxes must be flattened. | Will not accept "waxed cardboard." Remove staples and any wire or plastic banding. |
|  | Clean, dry, tied, or bagged newspaper and all inserts that come with newspapers. | Place newspaper inside the container and on top of the other recyclable materials. | No telephone books, magazines, or other paper products. |
|  | Aluminum beer and soft drink cans. | Empty cans and place in the bottom of the container. | No cast aluminum products, pots, aluminum foil or pie pans. |
|  | All glass food containers. Clear, green, or brown (amber). | Remove lids and rinse out bottles and jars. Place bottles and jars in bottom of container. Paper labels don't need to be removed. | No drink glasses, mirror, window glass, Pyrex dishes, ceramic, light bulbs, or any glass that's not a container. |

CITY OF BURLINGTON

Office of Public Information

CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Burlington City Council invites you to take a more active role in municipal affairs by applying for appointment to one of the City's advisory boards or commissions.

The City Council will appoint qualified City residents to these boards and commissions during the month of July. Applicants are encouraged to attend a meeting of the board or commission in which they are interested to gain a greater awareness of its duties and responsibilities.

Burlington residents interested in applying for appointment should contact the Public Information Department, Room 201, Municipal Building, 425 S. Lexington Avenue, 222-5076, to obtain an application. **Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, April 1, 2004.**

Bicycle Advisory Commission - Studies and recommends bicycle facility improvements and programs to the City Council. Called meetings.

Board of Adjustment - Considers appeals concerning zoning variations. Meets second Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Room 202, Municipal Building.

Burlington-Alamance Airport Authority - Addresses matters concerning the operation of the local airport. Meets second Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Burlington-Alamance Regional Airport.

Burlington-Graham Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control - Oversees the operation of ABC stores and disburses profits from the sale of alcoholic beverages. Meets last Thursday in months of January, April, June, July, and October, 4:30 p.m., General Office, 603 W. Harden St., Graham.

Burlington Housing Commission - Evaluates housing condemnation requests and other housing concerns within the City. Meets fourth Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Council Chamber.

Community Appearance Commission - Makes recommendations to City Council regarding community appearance. Meets second Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Public Works Building, 234 E. Summit Ave.

Housing Authority - Directs all federal housing projects within the City. Meets first Thursday, noon, Housing Authority Office, 133 N. Ireland St.

Historic Preservation Commission - Advises City Council regarding historic sites and preservation. Meets second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Room 101, Municipal Bldg.

Planning and Zoning Commission - Advises City Council on planning, zoning, and subdivision matters. Meets fourth Monday, 7:00 p.m., Room 202, Municipal Bldg.

Recreation and Parks Commission - Advises City Council on matters involving recreational facilities operated by the City. Meets second Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Kernodle Senior Center, 1535 S. Mebane Street.

Telecommunications Advisory Commission - Advises City Council on cable repair service matters and regulates basic tier cable rates. Called meetings.

Traffic Commission - Considers matters relative to the safe and efficient flow of traffic in the City. Meets first Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Room 202, Municipal Bldg.

Tree Commission - Plans for the preservation, planting, and removal of trees on City property. Meets third Wednesday, noon, Room 101, Municipal Building.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Smith at 222-5076.

Burlington City Park

Amusement park reopens for spring hours March 27th.

Saturday 11:00am-9:00pm; Sunday 1:00pm-7:00pm.

Please call 222-5030 for more information.

Kid's Night Out

The Burlington Recreation and Parks Department offers monthly Kids' Night Out programs at Fairchild Community Center, 827 North Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington. Kids' Night Out is a night filled with games, movies, activities, snacks, and tons of fun. These monthly programs are the perfect opportunity for kids to get a break from their parents and parents to get a break from their kids. Parents drop the kids off at 7:30pm on Friday night and highly trained and well-qualified staff will ensure that they have a safe and fun time until 9:00am on Saturday morning when parents pick them up. Open to children ages 5-12. For more information or to register your children call 222-5072.

January 8th

February 13th

March 5th

Carbon Monoxide

The silent killer

A message from the Burlington Fire Department

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless, invisible poison gas. It is produced when carbon-containing materials, like wood, coal, oil, and natural gas, burn incompletely.

When CO enters the lungs, it quickly latches onto red blood cells. When this happens, CO keeps red blood cells from delivering the oxygen they carry to the other cells of the body. This process can cause sickness and eventually death. It is especially dangerous for children, pregnant women, people with heart disease, and the elderly.

Early signs of CO exposure are headache, sleepiness, disorientation, nausea, and dizziness. Cherry red skin color may be another symptom of CO poisoning.

Any machine that burns fuel can produce CO. Many ordinary household appliances and machines may produce CO, including:

- Non-electric fuel-fired furnaces
- Gas water heaters, stoves and dryers
- Gas-powered generators
- Fireplaces, woodstoves, and charcoal grills
- Lawnmowers, snowblowers, leafblowers, etc.
- Cars, truck, and motorcycles

Last year during the weather-related power outages, several local residents suffered CO poisoning due to improper use of generators and grills. Generators **must** remain outside during use. Gas and charcoal grills **should never** be used as a secondary means of heat, as these appliances produce large amounts of CO and are capable of starting fires within a residence. Also remember to **never** run your car or other gas powered vehicles in an enclosed garage or carport, even if the garage door is open.

Prevent a carbon monoxide tragedy by installing CO alarms. Alarms should be installed according to the manufacturers' directions. At a minimum, place one carbon monoxide alarm near all sleeping areas. If your CO alarm sounds, do not panic. First, find out if anyone is feeling sick. Leave the house immediately and use a cellphone or neighbor's phone to contact the fire department by dialing **911**.

For questions involving carbon monoxide emergency prevention, please call the Burlington Fire Department at 229-3559.

Upcoming Events

For more details on upcoming events, visit our
website - www.ci.burlington.nc.us
Burlington Aquatics Center

American Red Cross Certification Courses – Lifeguard Training

January 8th – June 20th

January 8, 9, 10, 11 (Thur. & Fri. 4:30pm-9pm, Sat. & Sun. 8am-6pm)

March 4, 5, 6, 7 (Thur. & Fri. 4:30pm-9pm, Sat. & Sun. 8am-6pm)

April 29, 30 May 1, 2 (Thur. & Fri. 4:30pm-9pm, Sat. & Sun. 8am-6pm)

June 17, 18, 19, 20 (Thur. & Fri. 4:30pm-9pm, Sat. & Sun. 8am-6pm)

Call 222-5043 for more information.

Swim Lessons

January 12th – June 24th

Session I: January 12 – February 12 (m/w or t/th for 5 weeks)

Session II: February 23 – March 25 (m/w or t/th for 5 weeks)

Session III: April 12 – May 6 (m/w or t/th for 5 weeks)

Session IV: June 14-June 24 (outdoor season Mon.-Thur.)

Call 222-5043 for more information.

Kids' Night at the BAC

March 20th

6:00pm-10:00pm

\$7.00 per person

Ages 6 years and older (includes pizza, drinks, swimming, and fun.)

Call 222-5030 for more information.

Structured Activities For Challenged Children (S.A.C.C.)

Structured Activities for Challenged Children (SACC) is an athletic and activities program developed for youth and adults 5 – 21 years of age with developmental disabilities that have a desire to participate in an athletic and community-based environment, structured to their abilities. The value of this program is based on the socialization and therapeutic benefits of participating in sports; community-based activities and strengthening of their self-esteem. This program is held each Saturday from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. For more information call 229-3148.

Bass Expo

January 9th-11th

Raleigh, NC - Jim Graham Building - All Burlington City Lakes (Lake information, recreation information, door prizes, and other features) Call 449-2078 for more information.

Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 1st, 3:00pm

Thataways Teen Center

For more information or to get information on how to enter your recipe, call 229-3148 or 222-5030.

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COMPOGRO

The City of Burlington's "COMPOGRO" compost is manufactured from a controlled blend of biosolids, woody residues, leaves and other compatible organic wastes. These materials are composted under carefully controlled conditions for a minimum of 42 days to assure the highest quality product suitable for topsoil production, flowerbeds, lawn care, shrubbery, golf courses, parks, cemeteries, greenhouses, and nurseries. COMPOGRO is suitable for distribution to the public for a variety of agricultural, landscaping, and horticultural uses. The City's distribution consists of sales in bulk to landscapers, soil blenders and other commercial enterprises as well as sales to individuals in quantities as small as one (1) cubic yard. The production of COMPOGRO meets all USEPA and State of North Carolina regulations regarding treatment time and temperature for product stabilization, odor control, and pathogen reduction. The compost is analyzed for bacteria and heavy metals and meets the requirements for listing as an "Exceptional Quality" Class "A" product. The production of COMPOGRO is a beneficial recycling program for yard wastes, storm debris and wastewater treatment plant residuals.

2003-04 Compost Fee Schedule

All Prices are based on a per yard volume within
a 10-mile delivery radius

COMPOGRO

Payment is due prior to delivery

| Description | Picked Up | Delivery Charge |
|---|-----------|------------------------|
| 1 "CompoGro" Municipal Biosolids Compost under 10 yards | \$ 9.00 | No delivery |
| 2 "CompoGro" Municipal Biosolids Compost above 10 yards up to 30 yards | \$ 8.00 | \$25.00 per truck load |
| 3 "CompoGro" Municipal Biosolids Compost above 30 yards | \$ 6.50 | \$25.00 per truck load |

All prices subject to availability of compost product.



Garbage and Recyclables Collection

Dr. King's Birthday

Monday, January 19, 2004

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, January 20.

Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, January 21.

No recycling collection change

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage
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